

small object, a process which in the last ten years has been perfected. Such casting could not be done well until modern times because electrotyping, sand casting and plaster casting even with centrifugal procedures were not perfect enough or strong enough to permit the creation of a superbly accurate steel die. The shrinkage of steel in the casting produces a slight size differential which is unnoticeable unless measured by precision instrumentation. If the edge of the coin is reeded a separate collar die must also be produced and an automatic gear hobbing or broaching machine can readily cut a shape needed to form it. Coins can then be struck using the two dies and a collar in a press. The product can be struck in any desired metal, in any desired thickness and in various obverse and reverse die combinations. Reproductions as well as fantasies can be readily coined. To make glittering coins from these dies the field can be polished easily because the design is recessed in the die and then polished or unpolished planchets may be used depending on the sheen required.

If alterations in the date, letters, etc. are sought the steel die can be pressed into soft steel to produce a steel hub. In this hub the lettering, die breaks and dents project and therefore can be smoothed off with a tiny mechanical polisher so that a flat field can result where a raised portion once was. The hub can then be hardened, transferred in its changed form to a die. The new die can then be hardened and used in its then state or the die may have different letters or a different denomination into it so that it can create unknown coins.

All of the foregoing requires specialized skill and tedious work. Let us apply these procedures to the production of the dies used in the \$20 USAOC pieces from the Humbert Associate Source. The extensive reverse die break and the lump under T in UNITED which were on the original genuine \$20 coin used to make the mold

A highly skilled artisan using sophisticated technical equipment can produce a steel die or steel hub from a coin. First a wax, latex or plastic mold can be made from each side of the coin. The mold can then be dipped in a ceramic slurry, withdrawn for drying, and redipped until a ceramic deposit has been built up to adequate thickness. It can then be burned in a furnace and the wax, latex or plastic mold volatilizes leaving a hard ceramic positive identical to one side of the coin. Molten steel or other hard metal can then be centrifugally cast into the ceramic positive producing a steel die. There are many possible variations in this technique as it is fundamentally nothing more than precision casting of a die from a



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June 23rd, 1966

Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc.  
Mr. Lester Merkin  
515 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Lester:

This date, June 23rd, 1966, I received a letter from Tom Ryan, dated June 21st, 1966.

In this letter, he named you as his arbitrator with regard to the so-called Ryan vs Garland dispute.

I am presuming Lester, that Tom Ryan cleared this with you and that you are willing to serve as his arbitrator. I have just written Tom telling him that it will be necessary that I have a signed statement from him, wherein he will agree to abide by the decision of the Arbitration Board with regard to his problem.

As soon as I have received the name of the arbitrator who will represent Mr. Garland, I will advise you of him and him of you. The two of you are then to agree upon a third man who is willing to serve as arbitrator. Once this third man is selected, you, Garland's man and the third man form an Arbitration Panel. You are then to name one of your group of three as chairman. I will turn over all information I have to the chairman.

You three can meet at anytime you wish. I do suggest the A.N.A. Convention in Chicago, as one possible convenient meeting place. However, if possible and practical, you can meet sooner and any place agreeable to the three of you. You may call on anyone to testify and you may call for any additional information and/or help that you feel will be of a benefit in rendering your decision. I stand ready at all times to be of any assistance I can.

This problem, Ryan vs Garland, has received great notoriety and is well known. My only suggestion to you, is that you will enter the problem with a clear mind, listen to all of the evidence, study it as best you can for the purpose of rendering as honest decision as is possible.

Lester Merkin  
Page #2  
June 23rd, 1966

The problem to be solved will be, based on the written complaint of Mr. Garland, whether Mr. Garland is entitled to a refund of his purchase price of \$3,300.00, which he paid for a coin described, in my understanding, as a Proof U.S. Assay Office of Gold 1853 \$20.00 Gold piece.

Feel free to contact me at anytime I can be of an assistance.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY: LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

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cc: Abe Kosoff  
Max Schwartz  
Tom Ryan

RONNIE CARR



Post Office Box 1113  
Tulare, California  
Telephone 686-2924  
Area Code 209

July 9, 1966

Mr. Lester Merkin  
515 Madison Ave.  
New York, New York

Dear Lester:

Leo Young and little ole me had a lengthy chat yesterday and again today in regards to the Ryan-Garland matter. Leo informed me that you are to represent Tom Ryan and I shall represent Paul Garland. We need a third man. I have suggested Herb Bergen since he is 2nd. Vice Pres. of the ANA and a fair, gentle man. If he agrees I believe we shall have a worthwhile trio to settle this matter.

Our Committee will be both an Arbitrary and Investigating group. Not only are we going to handle the Ryan-Garland situation, but shall go further and investigate whether or not this particular piece is a "restrike" or "forgery". Since you will be representing, in a manner of speaking, the PNG, and Bergen, in a manner of speaking, will be representing the ANA, and myself, Coordinator for the Red Book on Pioneer Gold, we will have the authority and power to seek out all the truth and accept nothing less.

We will have the full cooperation of the ANA and PNG in this matter.

We can call witnesses and go into depth on this matter as we see fit.

Eric P. Newman, I am sure, will assist in any way possible as long as we represent the three major powers in Numismatics.

This letter is sent to you in strictest confidence. Please show it to no one or reveal its contents. It isn't anyone's business at this point what we plan ... it might even hurt our cause.

Will Herb Bergen be satisfactory with you as the third man? Subject naturally to his acceptance. Also will it be alright with you if I act as Chairman of the Committee?

Awaiting your comments, I remain,

Cordially,

*The Midas Touch*

Ronnie Carr

July 12, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr  
P.O. Box 1113  
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

Thank you for your letter of July 9.

Herb Bergen is most satisfactory as our third man. I feel that we cannot do better. As for your wish to act as chairman of the committee, this I feel again is satisfactory. In my opinion, Ronnie, we are not adversaries.

Our committee being both an arbitrary and investigating group, is something that I believe should be discussed. Please let me know when the committee will meet. I presume it will be at the ANA.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



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July 19, 1966

Subject: Arbitration Panel  
for the Garland-Ryan  
problem:

Ronnie Carr, Chairman  
P.O. Box 1113, Tulane, Calif.

Lester Merkin  
515 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y., 10022

Herbert Bergen  
604 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. 92632

Gentlemen:

After several months of frustrating effort, we finally have the full arbitration panel set up which consists of Ronnie Carr, Chairman; Lester Merkin, of New York City, and Herbert Bergen of Fullerton, California.

The charges that this panel is to attempt to settle are as follows: A few years ago Mr. Paul Garland purchased for \$3300. a so called Proof United States Assay Office of Gold, 1853, \$20.00 gold piece. Mr. Garland states in writing that this coin is a fake and a counterfeit, and demands this problem go to arbitration for the purpose of the arbitration panel to hear his proof and to award him the right to demand a full refund of his purchase price based on the fact the coin he purchased is not as represented to him.

Mr. Tom Ryan of Chicago, the man who sold the coin to Mr. Garland has maintained in writing he will only make a refund if the coin is found not to be as represented.

The complete file which I have accumulated on this problem as well as the coin in question, which Mr. Garland sent to me, will be turned over to Mr. Ronnie Carr as soon as Mr. Carr can come to my office to pick it up. Mr. Carr has indicated he will pick this material up from me this week.

The arbitration panel under the direction of Mr. Ronnie Carr is to make a thorough investigation and it is hoped that the panel will spare no efforts in seeking information from every possible reliable source. Some of the people with whom I have talked, and who I feel will very probably be able to cast some evidence include; Mr. Eric Newman, John Ford, Abe Kosoff, John Pittman and Mr. Paul Franklin. I have not personally talked with Mr. Franklin, nor do I know that he will or will not be cooperative. But I do have information which indicates most strongly to me that this coin was discovered and did enter the numismatic field, through Paul Franklin.



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I wish to caution this arbitration panel that this investigation is not a vendetta against any one or any group. Your findings are to be based on evidence. I know that each of you will enter this problem with an open mind in search of the truth. Personalities and personal prejudices as well as any pre-formed opinions are to be literally thrown out the window.

I ask this panel to go to work at once bearing in mind that most probably all of the parties involved as well as those people the panel wants to question will be at the A.N.A. convention in Chicago next month.

Should the panel find any lack of cooperation, from any source, I request that I be notified as soon as possible.

I stand ready to be of any assistance at any time to the panel.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY: *Leo A. Young*  
Leo A. Young, President

LAY-la

cc: Tom Ryan, Paul Garland, Eric Newman, John Ford,  
Ben Dreiske, Chas. Wormser, Abe Kosoff, Fred Samuels,  
C. Bullowa, Dan Messer, Max Schwartz and Matt Rothert





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August 5, 1966

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3244 Grand Ave.  
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Mr. Ronnie Carr  
P. O. Box 1113  
Tulare, California

## VICE PRESIDENT

BEN DREISKE  
31 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Ill. 60602

Dear Mr. Carr:

I have been advised by Leo A. Young that you will be chairman of the arbitration board which is going to sit on the controversy existing between Paul Garland and Thomas Ryan.

## TREASURER

CHARLES WORMSER  
1 W. 47th St.  
New York, N. Y. 10036

It is advisable before the arbitrators enter into the performance of their duty that they obtain from the parties a written agreement of submission, in order that their labors do not turn out worthless if one of the parties chooses to renege.

## SECRETARY

FRED L. SAMUELS  
1 Place Ville Marie  
Montreal, Que., Canada

At the suggestion of Leo A. Young, President of Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc., I have prepared the extremely short form of submission, which I would strongly urge that you and the other arbitrators be sure to have signed by both parties prior to the taking of any testimony.

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Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

I expect to be at the Pick-Congress before and during the week of the A.N.A. convention, and if I am apprised of when you are going to meet for this arbitration, I would like to offer you my services in the capacity merely of seeing that some formalities are observed so that your efforts will not be wasted. Please do not hesitate to call upon me.

DANIEL H. BROWN  
1532 Broadway  
Denver, Colo. 67202

Sincerely,

DANIEL MESSER  
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MAX M. SCHWARTZ

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ENC.

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New York, N. Y. 10036

CC: Mr. Lester Merkin  
Mr. Herbert Bergen  
Mr. Leo A. Young

The undersigned do hereby mutually agree:

1. To submit to arbitration the existing controversy which concerns the sale by Thomas Ryan to Paul Garland of a coin for the sum of \$3,500.00, and the request by Garland to return said coin by reason of the questionable authenticity of said coin;

2. That Ronnie Carr of Tulare, California, Lester Merkin of New York City, New York, and Herbert Bergen of Fullerton, California, are hereby designated as the arbitrators herein, with said Ronnie Carr as chairman;

3. That such arbitration be held in Rick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, between August 15th, 1966 and August 21st, 1966, at such time and place as may be designated by said arbitrators;

4. The parties hereto hereby waive the taking of oath of office of said arbitrators, and the taking of stenographic record of testimony given at such arbitration;

5. That said arbitrators shall serve without compensation; and

6. The parties hereto hereby agree to be bound by the award of such arbitrators, the decision of two of said arbitrators to become the decision of the entire board.

DATED: August 1966.

Witnessed by:

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Witnessed by:

\_\_\_\_\_

- H.A. Egan 10/22/55

name - as represented =

3034 1964 A.M.A. Sale (Holman)  
not a proof? (possibly yes)

name letter to Jon & Jan  
as proof

Korff - Jan the Ford a Proof Refused  
by L. H. as no proof Belusko price  
name

group - not as proof

Franklin - 1 of 3 price misacthan  
culprit

Korff not necessarily of importance

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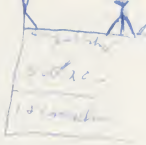
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John J Pittman  
James Sloss  
Mrs. Margo Russell  
Eric P Newman  
Geo Fuld  
Chester Krause  
Lee Hewitt  
Leo Young  
Max Schwartz  
Bonnie Orr

These are the people  
listed as receiving copies  
of Paul Barland's  
letter

Tom Ryan

# The Pick Congress

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Lester Mickin

The Arbitration Panel for  
the Garland-Lyan Problem  
will meet Friday Aug. 19 (1966),  
at 3:00 PM. Sharp in  
room # 948 (North Elevator)  
of the Pick-Congress Hotel.  
Your presence is  
requested.

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Arbitration Panel

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SUBJECT: 1853 (900 thous. fine) United States Assay Office of Gold #20.00 (HCOF)

Witnesses to be called in connection with the ARBITRATION problem:

- ✓ 1. Fred T. Garland (Memphis, Tennessee - Registered Complaint)
- ✓ 2. Mr. Tom Wilson (Illinois - Gold subject to Garland)
- ✓ 2a. Ralph Jackson (Ryan attorney)
- ✓ 2. Mr. J. Milton (Jackson Heights, N.Y. - Gold subject to Ryan)
- refused — 1. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- ✓ 3. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan, Sr.)
- ✓ 4. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ford, Jr.)
- ✓ 5. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- ✓ 6. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- ✓ 7. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- ✓ 8. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- ✓ 9. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- ✓ 10. Mr. J. L. ... (Gold subject to Ryan)
- all — 11. Dr. George Fuld (Alton, Ohio - Member of the Newman Youth Group.  
(ask to be called if it is possible to get him to come))
- ✓ 12. Walter Freen (Berkeley, California - Noted expert on Metallurgy)
- absent ✓ 13. Dr. V. Glavin-Steffanelli (Washington, D. C. - Noted expert on Metallurgy)
- ✓ 14. Art Hagen

August 22, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman  
FNU Arbitration Panel  
P.O. Box 1113  
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

In the above matter, I believe one or more of the arbitrators indicated that the following would be requested from John J. Ford:

Pictures of 320 USAGG 900 fine in gold  
(Ford #tg122)

Pictures of 320 USAGG 900 fine in gold  
(Ford #tg 123)

Pictures of 320 USAGG 900 fine in silver  
(Ford #TNT/P-116)

Better punches and other items Ford stated he had from the Humbert Associates Source.

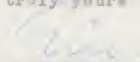
The arbitrators may also wish the three-above mentioned coins and the lead coins to be submitted but the pictures already taken of those pieces is adequate for the study group at present. Perhaps four 5x10 prints of the first three Ford items is enough to wear around.

As instructed by the arbitrators, I will endeavor to obtain from George Fuld the negatives of the pictures which he had taken so that prints can be made for distribution. Please let me know how many prints you feel are needed for the arbitrators and for others as the study group already has prints of the Fuld photos. We have additional negatives from which positives can readily be made for distribution.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the transcript of the oral testimony as soon as it is prepared.

CC: Lester Herkin ,  
New York  
Herbert M. Bergen,  
Fullerton, Calif.

Very truly yours

  
Eric F. Newman for  
ERIC F. NEWMAN JURISPRATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY



Aug 26, 1916

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.  
176 Wackerdrickson Avenue  
Rockville Centre, New York

Looking forward in seeing this coming October 5th. at the SW Hilton  
in San Francisco.

In the meantime, the District Council would like to request the following items for our inspection:

2) At the 100,000 mark the two new points (2) and (3) are at far distance. A. 1001 will add the (3) bid points of the first three items listed above.

As soon as I have it ready, a copy of the oral testimony taken in Chicago will be sent to you.

Looking forward in seeing you soon, I remain,

Cordially,

Donnie Carr, Chairman  
U.S.C. Arbitration Panel for the Portland-Vancouver Problem

cc: Lester Merkin  
Herbert W. Lergren

August 26, 1966

Mr. Eric F. Newman  
Eric F. Newman Homieratic Education Society  
6140 Oaklawn  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd.

I have written to John J. Ford, Jr. today requesting the items you made mention of in your letter. Also for 800 prints of the first three Ford items. I have a strong feeling that John is going to be most cooperative in this matter.

It would be exceedingly helpful if you would send pictures identical to those you send to the "Times" in New York. To those "Times" as well as by mail so that each member of the local could keep a set for examination; it would be most desirable.

I shall send you a copy of the first pictures as soon as possible.

You might be saying that the best thing to do is to let the local send to the Arbitration Panel, I remain.

Very cordially,

Harold Carr, Chairman  
F.N.G. Arbitration Panel for the Garland-Long Problem

cc: Lester Verkin  
Herbert W. Earsen

JOHN J. FORD, JR.

*Numismatist*

176 HENDRICKSON AVE.  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I.N.Y.

September 30, 1966

Miss Eva Adams  
Director, Bureau of the Mint  
Treasury Dept.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Adams:

It seems that I only write to you when I have a problem. In this case, I have a very serious problem, and I need a technical opinion from the highest possible level.

I am involved in a study relating to the authenticity of several Twenty Dollar gold coins, supposedly struck by the U. S. Assay Office of Gold in San Francisco, California, in 1853. These coins were technically official issues of the U. S., authorized by an Act of Congress in 1850 but a recent opinion from the Treasury Dept. (1964) states that these pieces are not now considered an obligation of the U. S., and that the Secret Service has no jurisdiction over them should they prove to be false.

My problem is, that I have been told that these \$20 gold coins are reproductions of modern manufacture, struck in the conventional way but from "steel or other hard metal" dies created by casting. The mould(s) used, it is contended, were composed of a ceramic composition.

The actual size of the coins under discussion is that of a regular \$20 gold piece, 34.25 mm. I am enclosing an 8x10" photographic print, showing the reverse of one of the allegedly false pieces, enlarged to 7 5/8" in diameter. I am also enclosing, pages eleven and twelve of a report that attacks the authenticity of these USAOG pieces, and which specifically puts forth the above theory concerning their probable method of manufacture.

In addition to describing how these coins were possibly made from cast steel dies, the enclosed report also contends that different varieties of these coins (which are known in silver, copper and lead, as well as gold) could have been made by alteration of a steel hub which, it is said, was made by pressing the cast die into a piece of "soft" steel.

JOHN J. FORD, JR.

I would like to know if any of this is possible from a practical technical standpoint. I am considered somewhat of an authority in the rare coin business in connection with counterfeit coins and methods of manufacture but this is the first time I have heard of CAST steel dies, and wonder if they have developed precision steel casting to the extent that coins of the quality, shown on the enclosed photo (geometric design and all), can be struck from a die so made.

I realize that the Bureau of the Mint has made some experiments with the Spark Erosion process towards making coin dies, and that some of your people are undoubtedly familiar with powdered metallurgy, pressure impact die techniques and other modern methods of manufacture, presumably of more value to the counterfeiter than a legitimate minting operation. I would consider it a very great favor if you could have some technical member of your staff read the enclosed and apply the process described in his mind to the enclosed photograph, and tell me if he has ever heard of cast steel dies so made and used. If he has not heard of the process, in reference to coin manufacturing, I would not be surprised. On the other hand, if he has heard of the process, I would be very much interested in knowing if it has been developed to the stage where a coin of the indicated quality could be made.

I realize that this request for information is possibly an imposition, but I can think of no one who could be in a better position to help. I can not tell you how much your cooperation in this situation will be appreciated, and I sincerely hope that you can do something for me.

Respectfully yours,



John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

Encl.

10-10-66  
October 7, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr  
P. O. Box 1113  
Tulare, CA 93274

Dear Ronnie:

This is my first opportunity to answer your letter of August 26th, in which you request three copies each of the photographs that I had with me at the Chicago meeting of your arbitration panel.

Please be advised, that as much as I would like to oblige you at this time, I would prefer not to submit these photographs until they can be accompanied by many others, in an orderly progression. Individual photographs with inadequate captions and explanations are of little value. I doubt that I will need the two years that Mr. Newman required to submit evidence and data, but I would appreciate your giving me the time to obtain coins and photograph them, and to conduct my own investigation. I promise you, and the other members of the panel, they will each get a complete set of my photographs with complete and comprehensive data attached.

Thanking you for your patience and understanding, I remain

Very truly yours,

JJF:dn  
cc: Lester Merkin  
Herbert M. Bergen

John J. Ford, Jr.

RONNIE CARR



Post Office Box 1113  
Tulare, California  
Telephone 686-2924  
Area Code 219

October 11, 1966

Mr. Lester Merkin  
515 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Lester:

Many thanks for yours of the 10th. I full agree with you.

I received a letter today from Herb Bergen expressing similar views. He wants a deadline set as well.

Please, at your earliest convenience let me know what you feel is a fair and legitimate time limit for John Ford. I will write Herb the same time and ask his opinion. When I receive both your viewpoints I will then write to Ford and give <sup>us</sup> the deadline. I have a strange feeling that he is stalling for time to get his affairs in order. The longer he puts us off the more difficult it could become to pin him down and get the information we desire.

Only the first tape turned out. The other two are blank. I will get what we have on paper shortly. It is one hell of a job. I know because I am doing it myself.

Hope your sale was a huge success.

Hope to get the photographs from Eric Newman soon. It will make the transcript more worthwhile.

I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie

*The Midas Touch*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 13, 1966

Messrs.

Ronnie Carr, P.O.Box 1113, Tulare, California  
Herbert M. Bergen, 604 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, California 92632  
Lester Merkin, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

As arbitrators for the Professional Numismatists Guild in the above-mentioned matter, you asked for a set of photographs to be sent to each of you relating to my testimony at the hearing in Chicago on Friday, August 19, 1966. These are sent to you under separate cover. The numbers on these photographs are referred to in the written material which you have on file. As you suggested, copies of that written material have tentatively been withheld from the principals and others pending instructions from you in that regard.

The pictures consist of:

Pairs of Nos. 1,3,5,6,7,9,12,13,14,16,19,20,21,22,23, 25;

Uniface #24;

An extra enlargement of a part of the obverse of No. 6;

Edge view of Nos. 2, 6 and 7;

X-ray defraction photo of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7;

Jumbo size reverse portions of Nos. 5, 13 and 14.

We would appreciate being advised as to what you plan as to a continuation of the hearing. If we can be of any further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By Eric P. Newman

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# AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Chartered by Congress

October 14, 1966

Mr. Bonnie Laro,  
P. O. Box 1113,  
Tulare, California

Dear Bonnie:

Your letter of October 11th came at the same time as the letter of October 11th from Eric Newman in which he advised that photos of coins questioned in the Garland vs. Ryan dispute are in the mail to us. Mr. Newman appears to be as anxious as we are to know how soon we can go ahead with the hearing and reach a verdict.

It is my opinion that this case should be closed and the decision of the arbitration panel announced at the next convention of the ANA in Miami next August. This means all evidence must be in the hands of the panel several months before that date. If an earlier closing date can be arranged it will certainly be in the best interests of numismatics.

Since you and I both reside in California we could meet at any time that Lester Werkin can come to California. The only time that I am now scheduled to be away from home for any length of time is late December when I plan to go to Washington, D. C. for the holidays, and again in February when I will attend an ANA Board meeting in Colorado Springs, - no exact date set yet. However, I am always on call to go to Montana on business, so I must know ahead of time when our panel will meet. In any event, I will leave all meeting arrangements in your hands and will do what I can to conform.

I would like to arrange a conference with you after seeing the photo material from Eric Newman. I'll phone you for a meeting time and place.

Sincerely

cc: Lester Werkin ✓  
Eric Newman

Herbert M. Bergen



October 18, 1966

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.  
176 Hendrickson Avenue  
Rockville Centre, New York 11572

Dear Mr. Ford: \_\_\_\_\_

This letter is in reply to your letter of September 30, concerning precision casting techniques. Precision casting for legitimate purposes is well established in industry for the production of a wide variety of items of many materials, including die steels.

Your inquiry applies to the preparation by this method of steel dies suitable for use in the subsequent striking of counterfeit coins. You ask whether the precision casting technique "has been developed to the stage where a coin of the indicated quality," as shown on an enclosed photograph, could be made.

Although we are continually examining questioned U. S. coins, many of which are determined to be counterfeit, this office has not had occasion to examine a counterfeit coin known to have been struck from dies produced by the described precision casting technique. However, our information, obtained from government experts who were instrumental in the development of the process, indicates that the following is true concerning the method, as it might be applied to the manufacture of coinage dies, either genuine or counterfeit:

- (1) The fineness of detail attainable by present methods of hubbing will not be equaled in dies produced by the casting method;
- (2) Each cast die would necessarily go back to the engraver for hand or mechanical work which would result in variations between dies which would be apparent to an expert examining the resulting coins.

We do not know of any instance where a government mint has used cast steel dies for striking coins. However, we feel that, given sufficient care in the preparation of the dies and blanks, a piece of high quality could be produced. This does not say that the piece so produced would be indistinguishable from the genuine

Mr. Ford

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coin used to make the mold. One major reason for the coins' being distinguishable is frankly stated in the report, "The shrinkage of steel in the casting produces a slight size differential which is unnoticeable unless measured by precision instrumentation."

In summary, although we lack practical experience with pieces produced by precision casting methods, and although pieces of relatively high quality may conceivably be struck, we feel that there are inherent flaws in this method of counterfeiting which render such pieces amenable to detection.

We hope that the above information will be of assistance to you. If you have other questions in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Eva Adams

Eva Adams  
Director of the Mint

December 1st, 1965

Mrs. Annie Carr  
P.O. Box 1112  
Tulare, California

Dear Rosalee:

In reference to your letter of October 11th and Barbara Bergen's of October 14th to you.

I agree with Barb that the deadline should be set for the next convention <sup>ANNA</sup>  
~~which~~ in Miami <sup>Next</sup> ~~last~~ August.

I am planning to attend the Southern California Convention. <sup>at this time</sup> I believe it <sup>is</sup>  
would be ~~convenient~~ for one three of us to meet. GOOD TIME

The sale was a success. I was very pleased with the results. Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

RONNIE CARR



Post Office Box 1113  
Tulare, California  
Telephone 686-2924  
Area Code 209

November 7, 1966

Mr. Lester Merkin  
515 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Lester:

Thanks for yours of the 1st.

Please, at your earliest convenience, answer the following:

DEADLINE date for John J. Ford, Jr. hearing:

(A) A.N.A. in Miami next August *UY*

(B) Southern California Convention *OK*

Do you agree it is time to have the Eric P. Newman transcript and photographs released to concerned parties? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you agree it is advisable that anyone desiring to ask questions on this matter do so through the Chairman of the Arbitration Panel? Yes ☒ No ☐.

Do you agree it is necessary to have John J. Ford, Jr. present what photographs he has available to our Panel immediately and not until the hearing date? Yes ☒ No ☐.

Please let me hear from you right away if possible, I remain,

Cordially,

*[Signature]*  
Ronnie Carr, Chairman ARBITRATION PANEL ON THE RYAN-GARLAND MATTER

*Lester Merkin*  
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The Midas Touch

RONNIE CARR



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November 28, 1966

Mr. Lester Merkin  
515 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Lester:

The next meeting on the GARLAND-RYAN matter will be held on February 9, 1967 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, during the forthcoming convention of the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

At this hearing it is hoped to have testimony and evidence from John J. Ford, Jr.

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman ARBITRATION PANEL FOR THE GARLAND-RYAN MATTER

*The Midas Touch*



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December 13, 1967

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.  
106 Corporation Ave.  
Liberty Center, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for yours of the 6th.

I have noted your comments that you feel Mr. E. Newman and the Kessoff are not cooperating fully with you in regards to your photographing certain (B&W) 1963 double copies. I believe you are entitled to photographs of the bodies that are shown in evening and I have written to both Newman and Kessoff requesting that each of them forward to you the necessary information of all pieces you want to examine. It is my hope that this will satisfy your request. This certainly should suffice.

I am somewhat upset that the state you have no intention of attending the September hearing of our case in Los Angeles. It was fully expected of you to have come forward in support of that case. I believe you receive the photographs of the discs from Kessoff and Newman, you will be in a better position to report on them. I am looking for your report on the discs.

I also will again request that you forward our final photograph of the various pieces I have on two other occasions requested. This is needed for study immediately.

I do hope you will reconsider attending the LA hearing, I would.

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman PMS Special Panel on the KALAMAZOO-VAN matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young  
Mr. Eric F. Newman  
Mr. Herbert E. Bergen  
Mr. Lester Herkin

*The Midas Touch*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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December 17, 1961

Mr. Robert A. Benson  
60 W. Barker Blvd.  
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Mr. Lester Kervin  
50 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

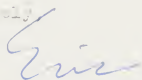
Re: Corliss vs. Type

Gentlemen:

In accordance with correspondence dated December 13, 1960, The Numismatic Society is Chairman of the PAC Panel, by the conclusion of which two out of our letter to Ronald Barr dated December 3, 1960 with copies of the proceedings enclosed therewith.

Very Truly, Yours,

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

cc  
cc

cc: Mr. Ronald Barr



December 22, 1966

Mr. Leo A. Young  
3244 Grand Ave.  
Oakland, Calif. 94610

Dear Leo:

The enclosed letter is self explanatory.

I do not think that Ronnie, or perhaps even yourself, realize what an extraordinarily difficult situation this SAAG problem is for me.

I do not have readily available all of the information and data needed for me to answer Eric P. Newman's allegations. I have already spent a considerable amount of time trying to assemble facts, and to do research in new quarters in order to come up with concrete information.

Eric P. Newman's report makes numerous statements of alleged fact and/or opinion, practically none of which he substantiates beyond a reasonable doubt. He touches upon areas of which I frankly know quite a little, and where I must start almost from scratch. I must pursue also, the complete origin of these pieces, and that is a tacky and difficult situation.

I made the statement in Chicago, that upon hearing Mr. Newman's presentation, that I would try to remove all previous thoughts and bias from my mind, and conduct an impartial and thorough investigation. I am afraid that Ronnie Carr and some of the other people involved in this affair, such as Mr. Garland, are not aware of the enormous amount of time and effort that is required for me to do what I said I would do. If they were, they would not insist upon a meeting of the arbitration panel for the "Ryan-Garland" matter to be held this coming February.

It is quite obvious from the recent correspondence, that I have not even seen a good part of the evidence supporting Mr. Newman's case. How can any one, reasonably, expect me to come up with the answers, without seeing the evidence?

I want to be as cooperative about all this as possible, and I trust that you understand my thinking and the situation.

With warm wishes for a happy holiday season, I remain

Sincerely,

JJP:dn

John J. Ford, Jr.

  
MERKIN

December 22, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr  
P. O. Box 1113  
Fulare, Calif. 93274

Dear Ronnie:

I have your letter of December 13th to me, and copies of your letters of the same date to Abe Kosoff and Leo Young.

I appreciate your good intentions in asking Abe Kosoff to send me a photograph of his client's coin, and in asking Eric Newman to send me photographs of the three Kagin pieces that he has held since last February. In fact, I have already received one of the photographs from Eric Newman.

Unfortunately, I can not do very much with this KAGG problem by examining other peoples photographs, I must examine the coins and prefer to photograph them myself.

Your letter of December 13th to Leo Young states as follows: "Any coins that Eric P. Newman might have in his possession are there so that they can not be tampered with. Naturally, he is not of the opinion, I am sure, that they should be given out with the possibility of their not being returned."

I do not know how to take this, except to feel that for reasons unknown to me I am not to see the three Kagin coins. Also, I would like an explanation of what you mean in your letter when you say the coins must remain in Mr. Newman's possession so that they can not be "tampered with." Who do you think will tamper with them? I would really appreciate a detailed explanation of why I can not examine the three Kagin coins currently in the possession of Mr. Newman.

I have had considerable correspondence with Abe Kosoff concerning my examination and specialized photography of his Bell, Parouk specimen. I understand Abe's position, and Abe and I agreed that I could examine this particular piece next April, when Abe comes to New York, and at that time have the piece photographed. I have no objection to this, but think that you should understand that I could not finalize any report until after I obtain what information I can from Mr. Kosoff's coin, and digest it. Abe Kosoff well knows that I

want to examine his client's coin, and can not use a photograph other than a particular type that I am having made of all the pieces that I examine.

On August 26th, you wrote to me and requested that I send to you three copies of the 8x10 prints illustrating my three USAGG #20. coins; two gold and one silver. I replied October 7th, stating that I would prefer to send these photographs when they could be accompanied by many others, in an orderly progression. On December 6th, you repeated your request, and also asked for photographs of the two "Sandwich Electro" coins that Paul Franklin had made to play practical jokes (on me) with. On December 12th, I sent you the two coins in question, not having photographs. On the same date, I ordered a complete set of eighteen 8x10 enlargements, of my coins, and have not as yet received them. The minute that they are received, they will go forward by airmail. This confirms what I said in my letter of December 12th, when I stated that the photographs were going forward under separate cover. Your letter of December 13th to Leo Young states that I "on several occasions refused to send ... any photographs." I do not think that your letter of August 26th can be considered "several occasions."

Your letter of August 26th to me, states that a copy of the oral testimony taken at Chicago will be sent to me, as soon as it is ready. I have also been told, that I will receive, officially, a copy of Mr. Newman's report, together with the pertinent photograph of Mr. Newman's mentioned in that report, but to date, I have received none of these items. Also, I would like to know if there is some way that I can get some identification of the coins described by Mr. Newman in his report numerically. I am trying very hard to digest his technical remarks concerning die states and defects, in order to fully understand what he is talking about. I might have to examine a couple of the coins he identifies only by number. Before I can even ask for any of these pieces, I must know what they are and where they are.

I am in complete accord with your thinking that I should make the "most effort to see that my opinions and evidence are given." Unfortunately, I can only do so with the maximum of cooperation.

I have outlined above areas wherein I need help. If there are any areas where I can be of service to you or the other members of the panel, please advise. It is only by mutual cooperation that we will settle this matter in an expeditious and final way.

With warm greetings of the season, I remain

Sincerely,

JJF:dn

John J. Ford, Jr.

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